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SUBJECT: REPORTED SAUDI AID TO ZAIRE

1. WASHINGTON POST OF JULY 21 CARRIES ARTICLE FROM KHARTOUM REPORTING ZAIRE RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL AIDFROM SAUDI ARABIA DURING SHABA INVASION. NATURE OF AID IS NOT RPT NOT SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE.

2. TEXT OF ARTICLE READS: QUOTE: KHARTOUM, SUDAN - ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO DECLARED HERE TUESDAY THAT HIS COUNTRY RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL AID FROM SAUDI ARABIA DURING THE RECENT INVASION OF SHABA PROVINCE BY KATANGAN EXILES BASED IN ANGOLA.
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MOBUTU, ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO SUDAN, ADDED THAT SAUDI KING KHALID EXTENDED THE AID IN THE NAME OF "AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY" BUT DID NOT WANT WORD OF THE ASSISTANCE TO BE GIVEN OUT UNTIL NOW. IN PUBLICIZED AID, MOROCCO PROVIDED ZAIRE WITH TROOPS, TRANSPORTED BY FRANCE, DURING THE SHABA INSURGENCY.

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THE ZAIRIAN LEADER GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS ON THE SAUDI AID. HE ARRIVED YESTERDAY IN SAUDI ARABIA ON HIS MIDDLE

EASTERN TOUR. IN KHARTOUM, HE AND PRESIDENT JAAFAR NIMERI AGREED TO PROMOTE TRADE AND ESTABLISH A JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE, THE SUDANESE AGENCY SAID. END QUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF REPORTED SAUDI COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE MOBUTU WITH DOLS. 5 MILLION AND TO URGE QATAR, UAE AND KUWAIT TO HELP PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL DOLS. 100 - 150 MILLION. APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 60 MILLION WOULD BE UTILIZED TO PAY FOR THE MOROCCAN INTERVENTION IN SHABA. WE ASSUME THIS IS AID TO WHICH MOBUTU REFERRED IN KHARTOUM. WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY SAUDIS HAVE PROVIDED ANY MATERIEL AID TO ZAIRE, PARTICULARLY NOT US-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES AND/OR SERVICES WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED PRIOR USG CONSENT UNDER AGREEMENTS IN FORCE BETWEEN USG AND SAUDI ARABIA. WOULD, NEVERTHELESS, APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE ON NATURE AND SCOPE OF SAUDI AID TO ZAIRE, ESPECIALLY ANY TRANSFERS OF US-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES AND/OR SERVICES.
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